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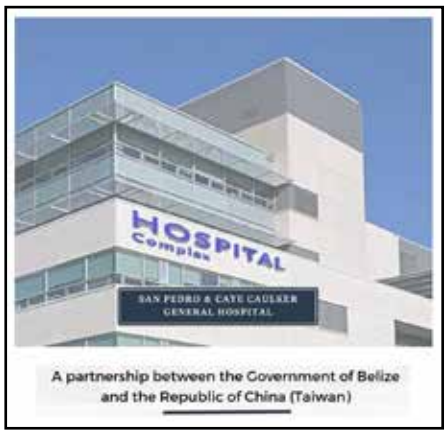
THE WORK RESUMES

The elation of the General Election 2025 VICTORY is here to stay forever in PUP hearts. The work of building Belize continues or resumes in the spirit of the PUP's Northstar PlanBelize now in 2.0 mode. In Punta Gorda, the Joe Taylor Bridge continues; in Cayo the process of the National Health Insurance is close to full implementation, in Stann Creek the Commerce Bight Port and the Multipurpose Complex are poised to change that landscape; in Corozal, the Sarteneja Road and Laguna Seca Bridge will change lives; in San Pedro/Caye Caulker a new General Hospital will relieve the health care woes of many; in Belize City, a new KHMH is in the horizon to add to the tertiary care at the new Belmopan University Hospital; and in Orange Walk, the Regional Hospital is being assessed for expansion just like the town which is expanding into the Petville area. Of course there is so much more as these are mere examples of the broad spectrum of the PUP government's work.



Lives have been changed in the first five years of the planBelize administration: so said the evaluation called General Elections 2025. Tens of Thousands are working at sustained jobs while tens of thousands got greater purchasing power due to the higher minimum wage which is slated to move to 6 dollars per hour. The truth is that social media is powerful but one cannot genuinely deny the power of the ballot and the democracy of huge majority wins. The PUP has unprecedented BACK to BACK super majorities. The Belizeans people DO NOT sell their votes. They might take gifts BUT their vote is secret and sacred. Belizeans vote for their children and for the future.

So as the new Cabinet is announced and their CEO's take to their post, the objective is clear. The John Briceño administration is there to better the lives of the masses. The Briceño administration is there to give access to those that have not had access in the past. The single parents get homes; all children get better access to a sound education, first time land owners are sent to the top of the line and everyone can afford better health care than in the past. Of course, at every interview, PM John Briceño will always state that there is much more to be done as crime is still a problem, there are still poor, and social justice is an ongoing issue.

PlanBelize 2.0 like any manifesto cannot work if there is no buy-in from an electorate. General Elections 2025 gave the PUP the confidence that yes the public is in large numbers convinced that John Briceño and team will serve the people. The people in great numbers said in March 2025, "Vamos Bien."

FIBA World Ranking Presented by NIKE - Boys

Belize Ranked 9th in the Americas

Ranking dates
Dec 2, 2024

#	COUNTRY	WORLD RANK	PTS	+/-
1.	USA	1.	824.4	0
2.	Canada	10.	629.7	-1
3.	Brazil	14.	599.4	-3
4.	Argentina	16.	556	0
5.	Dominican Republic	17.	549.9	+2
6.	Puerto Rico	24.	510.7	-9
7.	Mexico	40.	351.7	-7
8.	Venezuela	49.	298.3	0
9.	Belize	59.	233.6	0
10.	Uruguay	63.	215.6	0

In 2024 Belize beat Brazil twice, in U18 Basketball and in Cricket, in June and December both time in Argentina during this South America's winter and fall. Basketball though has jumped us from unranked to 9th in the Americas. This is a HISTORIC SPORTS FIRST.

Jacob Leslie, President of the Belize Basketball Association: "The Belize Basketball Male Junior National Team program went from being unranked to one year later being in the top 10 in the entire Americas for the first time in our history!" Belize's goal is top five.

The ranking of course shows that sports in Belize has made progress over the past few years. This repeated story of glory has been experienced in track, cycling, volleyball, cricket and other sports especially at the junior level. There is a new Minister of Sports Anthony Mahler and a Minister of State Devin Daly. They are being looked upon as the spirit that Belize's sporting arena needs to move success from confined to the junior level to the national level and even to the professional level. Sports are steadfastly showing that our comparatively small population is not an obstacle to higher success. It is surely a challenge that we can overcome. Nevertheless, sports like many other national matters need the support of the entire nation for greater sustained success.

The Office of the Prime Minister Announces New Chief Executive Officers

Belmopan, March 19, 2025.

The Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, will advise Her Excellency Governor-General Dame Froyla Tzalam to make the following appointments of Chief Executive Officers pursuant to section 107 of the Constitution.

-Chief Executive Officer ------ Ministry

1. Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary
2. Narda Garcia, Office of the Prime Minister, Investment and Civil Aviation
3. Carlos Pol, Economic Transformation
4. Jose Urbina, E-Governance
5. Paul Thompson, Natural Resources, Petroleum & Mining
6. H.E. Amb. Amalia Mai, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, & Culture
7. Tanya Santos Neal, Immigration
8. Servulo Baeza, Agriculture, Food Security & Enterprise
9. Victor Espat, Infrastructure Development & Housing
10. Sharole Saldivar, Home Affairs & New Growth Industries
11. Nicole Usher Solano, Tourism, Youth, Sports & Diaspora Relations
12. Dr. Julio Sabido, Health & Wellness
13. Milagro Matus, Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management
14. Rolando Zetina, Public Service, Governance & NEMO
15. Francis Usher, National Defence & Border Security
16. Dian Maheia, Education, Science & Technology
17. Beverly Wade, Blue Economy & Marine Conservation
18. Dr. Valentino Shal, Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour & Local Government
19. Adele Catzim, Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs

Ambassador Stuart Leslie will serve as Cabinet Secretary and Chief of Staff.

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EDITORIAL

VAMOS BIEN WITH PLANBELIZE 2.0

Sunday, January 31, 2016, under the lens of PUP lore, was an era-beginning day. The Hon. John Briceño was elected leader of the People's United Party for a second time. That ascension has been pivotal towards the progress Belize sees today. The deal-making prowess of Party Leader Briceño is self-evident as he was able to unite the party factions, which today we can call the planBelize team. What followed his election is still being recorded daily. In 2018, the PUP took control of Corozal Town while retaining control of Orange Walk Town. In Belize City, the crown jewel, the PUP's redemption team led by newcomer Bernard Wagner, defeated the UDP by some 11,561 votes in what was the beginning of the end of the Dean Barrow era and the beginning of an unprecedented era in Belizean politics.

In 2019, the PUP won over 68% of the village councils, a feat never accomplished while not in central government control. The villages of the nations demanded respect from the Barrow administration, which had labelled our hardworking farmers as "peasants." The villages would not go back to the UDP bar a full apology pending from Barrow and any leader of the UDP. The Village Council feat was followed in 2022 when the PUP increased its percentage to 77.6% of the available village council seats. The writing on the wall was that rural Belize was delighted with the new John Briceño administration and their ongoing work.

In the 2020 General elections, the PUP garnered a supermajority of 26 of the 31 seats in the House of Representatives and 58% of the popular vote, undoubtedly a resounding victory. In Belize, landslide victories are followed by challenging victories, especially in the following General Elections, but not for the PUP. In 2021, the PUP won 65 of 67 seats in the 2021 municipal elections, 1,020 of the 1,316 seats in the 2022 Village Council elections, 61 of 67 seats in the 2024 Municipal elections and yet another supermajority of 26 of 31 seats with over 68% of the popular vote in the 2025 General Elections. The people showed resounded love John Briceño and the planBelize team, ¡Vamos Bien!, so why move backwards?

The 2025 General elections also saw two PUP candidates, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, Fort George and Hon. Anthony Mahler, Pickstock, being uncontested, a first in the history of Belizean politics. No one anticipated that the PUP would be so successful that no one even dared oppose it in some constituencies, as the anticipation of the trouncing was traumatic enough. The same thing happened in Dangriga and Toledo, where there was no UDP opponent, only 3rd party ones. The media bent on leaning against the PUP government insults most people by saying the PUP only won because of low voter turnout, UDP candidate quality or other flimsy excuses. The PUP won because there are jobs, because there is more money in our pockets, because our farm's yield is on our tables, because our children have more access to education, because land and housing are more accessible to those that need, because health care is affordable and accessible, because we are more secure, and because the PUP is relentless in trying to achieve even more. The PUP's John Briceño and team's Manifesto to the People is that planBelize is now in 2.0 mode. The job of getting rid of poverty, making the cost of living and fighting for more social justice is still there. From 2020 to 2025, that task has diminished tremendously, but it is still ongoing. The PUP's Bill of Rights for every Belizean is still engrained in planBelize 2.0 as sustained job growth and more and better access to land, housing, education, and health care.

The General Elections is the only scientific poll demonstrating the will of the Belizean people. The party and its leader, Hon John Briceño, have seen a popularity increase from election to election. PlanBelize continues to deliver for the Belizean people into 2.0. The PUP will serve the people transparently and accountably for another term and is already planning 3.0. Vamos Bien with the PUP and John Briceño and team.

EDITORIAL

en Español

VAMOS BIEN CON PLANBELICE 2.0

El domingo 31 de enero de 2016, bajo la lente de la tradición del PUP, fue un día que marcó el comienzo de una era. El Honorable John Briceño fue elegido líder del Partido Unido del Pueblo por segunda vez. Ese ascenso ha sido fundamental para el progreso que Belice ve hoy. La habilidad del líder Briceño para llegar a acuerdos es evidente, ya que fue capaz de unir a las facciones del partido, lo que hoy podemos llamar el equipo del Plan Belice. Lo que siguió a su elección se sigue registrando a diario. En 2018, el PUP se hizo con el control de la ciudad de Corozal, mientras que conservó el control de la ciudad de Orange Walk. En Ciudad de Belice, la joya de la corona, el equipo de redención del PUP liderado por el recién llegado Bernard Wagner, derrotó al UDP por unos 11.561 votos en lo que fue el principio del fin de la era Dean Barrow y el comienzo de una era sin precedentes en la política beliceña.

En 2019, el PUP ganó más del 68% de los concilios de las aldeas, una hazaña nunca lograda mientras no se estuviera bajo el control del gobierno central. Los pueblos de la nación exigieron respeto a la administración Barrow, que había etiquetado a nuestros esforzados agricultores como «campesinos». Las aldeas no volverían al UDP en pleno, y quedaba pendiente una disculpa de Barrow y de cualquier dirigente del UDP. La hazaña del Consejo de Aldea fue seguida en 2022, cuando el PUP aumentó su porcentaje al 77,6% de los escaños disponibles en el consejo de aldea. La escritura en la pared era que Belice rural estaba encantado con la nueva administración de John Briceño y su trabajo en curso.

En las elecciones generales de 2020, el PUP obtuvo una super mayoría de 26 de los 31 escaños de la Cámara de Representantes y el 58% del voto popular, sin duda una victoria rotunda. En Belice, las victorias aplastantes van seguidas de victorias desafiantes, especialmente en las siguientes Elecciones Generales, pero no para el PUP. En 2021, el PUP ganó 65 de los 67 escaños en las elecciones municipales de 2021, 1.020 de los 1.316 escaños en las elecciones a los Consejos de Aldea de 2022, 61 de los 67 escaños en las elecciones municipales de 2024 y otra super mayoría de 26 de los 31 escaños con más del 68% del voto popular en las Elecciones Generales de 2025. El pueblo resonó de amor por John Briceño y el equipo de planBelice, ¡Vamos Bien!, así que ¿por qué retroceder?

En las elecciones generales de 2025, dos candidatos del PUP, Henry Charles Usher (Fort George) y Anthony Mahler (Pickstock), se presentaron sin oposición, una primicia en la historia de la política beliceña. Nadie esperaba que el PUP tuviera tanto éxito que nadie se atreviera a oponerse a él en algunas circunscripciones, ya que la anticipación de la derrota era suficientemente traumática. Lo mismo ocurrió en Dangriga y Toledo, donde no hubo oponente del UDP, solo de terceros. Los medios de comunicación empeñados en inclinarse contra el gobierno del PUP insultan a la mayoría de la gente diciendo que el PUP sólo ganó debido a la baja participación electoral, a la calidad de los candidatos del UDP o a otras excusas endebles. El PUP ganó porque hay trabajo, porque hay más dinero en nuestros bolsillos, porque el rendimiento de nuestras granjas está en nuestras mesas, porque nuestros hijos tienen más acceso a la educación, porque la tierra y la vivienda son más accesibles para los que las necesitan, porque la sanidad es asequible y accesible, porque estamos más seguros y porque el PUP no ceja en su empeño de conseguir aún más. El Manifiesto al Pueblo del PUP de John Briceño y su equipo es que el planBelice se encuentra ahora en modalidad 2.0 La tarea de acabar con la pobreza, abaratar el coste de la vida y luchar por una mayor justicia social sigue ahí. De 2020 a 2025, esa tarea ha disminuido enormemente, pero sigue en marcha. La Carta de Derechos del PUP para cada beliceño sigue arraigada en el planBelice 2.0 como crecimiento sostenido del empleo y más y mejor acceso a la tierra, la vivienda, la educación y la atención sanitaria.

Las elecciones generales son la única encuesta científica que demuestra la voluntad del pueblo beliceño. El partido y su líder, John Briceño, han visto aumentar su popularidad de unas elecciones a otras. PlanBelice sigue cumpliendo con el pueblo beliceño en 2.0. El PUP servirá al pueblo de forma transparente y responsable durante otro mandato y ya está planificando el 3.0. Vamos Bien con el PUP y John Briceño y su equipo.

NUH WATCH ME, WATCH YUHSELF!

The ImagiNation Factri today launched a new publication featuring the Rt. Hon. Said Musa. In celebrating the former Prime Minister's 81st birthday, the publishing house also announced it upcoming Said Musa Archive project.

The Rt. Hon. Said Musa, one of Belize's five Prime Ministers, has played a pivotal role in transforming our nation. We acknowledge his foresight and vision towards the diversity of culture and his commitment to the establishment of the National Institute of Culture and History.

This book is available at the ImagiNation Factri or can be accessed through the Access 501 Platform.

Below are some highlights from his birthday celebration and the presentation of the book Nuh Watch Me, Watch Yuself - Project 1. (post)

The name itself is political as it was often said in the House of Representative at the UDP who were rotten to the core yet hurled offense at Said Musa who was exonerated of wrong doing. History has shown that Said Musa was on point in putting the UDP where they belonged in the infamy of history.

The former PM's latest publication offers a glimpse into his political journey, which began in 1967, adding a rich chapter to PUP and to Belize's history.

Yasser Musa (son): "Today is a special day, obviously, because he has reached eighty-one, an age which many of us who are younger than that would love to reach. But more importantly, today we also launch the Said Musa archive and this book that was launched, titled Noh Wach Mi, Wach Yuself is just one part of the archive project… archives as a form of imagination because what do you decide to choose in a world that has so much to choose from? So you have to curate it, you have to decide what are the things that you would want to put, like a buffet so others can come after and choose what they want to take. There are many people that like to focus on things like photography, photos, images. There are many people that like to look at text, speeches, documents of law and other printed matter. But then there are also the current generation that would rather a video or a reel that would help them to understand what a person's, in this case, Said Musa, or what a society's life, in the case of the Belize Archives and Records Service. The importance of having a multimedia approach. We have tried to channel our imagination to see how we can create this buffet I was talking about…It took twenty-two (years) for Belize to open its first museum, twenty-one years to bring to life the National Institute of Culture and History, twenty-three years to introduce the teaching of African and Maya history and twenty-three years to introduce a history program at our national university. So the fact is, we don't look at that negatively at all."

Reading the book is reading Belize history and indirectly of the PUP.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 5/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $83,200,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Thursday, 3 April 2025 and will be redeemed on Thursday, 3 July 2025.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 28 March 2025.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday 3 April 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

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The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

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PACT
Protected Areas Conservation Trust

VACANCY NOTICE

Project Development Officer

The Project Development Officer supports the development and subsequent implementation of project concepts and proposals that align with Belize's national strategies for building resilience to the impacts of climate change. By ensuring that projects adhere to Belize's National Determined Contributions (NDCs), Low Emission Development Strategy (LEDS), the Country Program to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), and the National Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Action Plan (NCCPSAP), the Project Development Officer plays a crucial role in PACT's expansion of impact on Belize's national development through climate smart initiatives.

Requirements:

Required: Master's Degree in Environmental Studies, Sustainable Development, Project Management, or related field

Asset: Professional certification in project design or project management

Required: Minimum of three (3) years' work experience in project development or project management; exposure to project design

The full job description is available at www.pactbelize.org. Packages must be submitted electronically and must include signed application letter, resume, certified copies of academic certificates, current police record (receipt can be submitted initially) and a list of two professional references (names and contact information only) no later than **5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 20th, 2025**. Only complete packages will be processed. Packages should be addressed to:

Human Resources
info@pactbelize.org with copy to ed@pactbelize.org
Re: Project Development Officer Vacancy

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PACT is not liable for any costs incurred by applicants in submission of their application.

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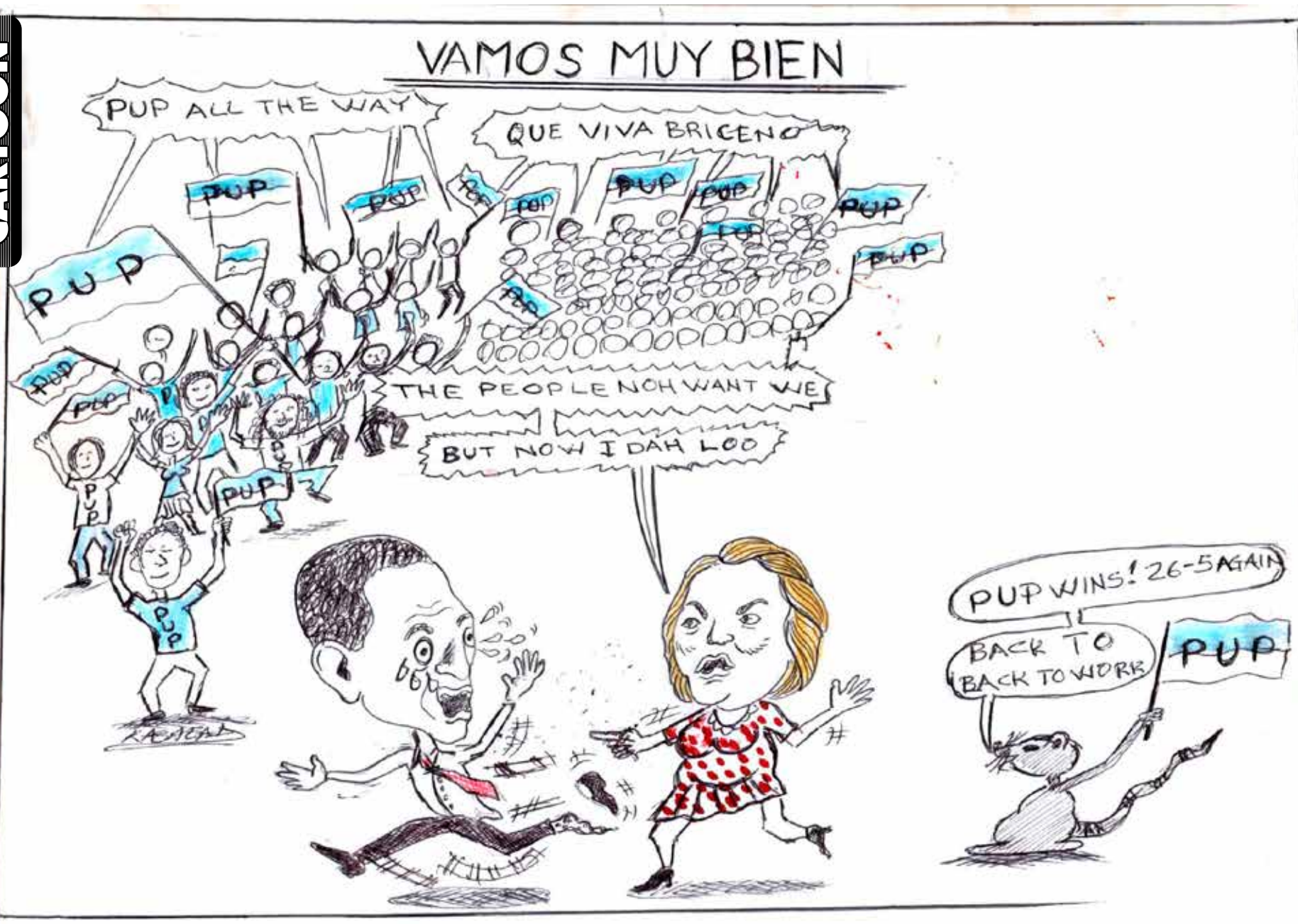

2025 Smart City Summit & Expo

BELIZE CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN TAIWAN

March 20, 2025 - Upon invitation from the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize and our Sister City Kaohsiung, Mayor Bernard Wagner and his Belize City delegation are proudly participating in the 2025 Smart City Summit & Expo—a premier global gathering where city leaders, technology pioneers, and urban planners collaborate to drive cutting-edge advancements in smart city solutions and sustainable development.

Mayor Wagner took the stage in a high-impact panel discussion under the theme, "**Smart City Cross Borders: Fostering Interoperable Smart Cities for Global Cooperation**." Representing Belize City alongside distinguished speakers from Poland, the United States, and Taiwan, he shared insights on how Belize City is embracing smart technology to enhance urban management, mobility, and service delivery through strong international partnerships.

This platform allows us to not only showcase our progress in leveraging technology for citywide improvements but also learn from other global leaders, gaining valuable knowledge to drive our own Smart City expansion.

Stay tuned for more updates on Belize City's participation at the 2025 Smart City Summit & Expo and how we continue working toward a more connected, innovative, and sustainable future! (BCC post)

The Belmopan City Council participated in the same Expo.

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SPECIAL ENVOY
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PRESS RELEASE

March 19th, 2025

The Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children Condemns the Brutal Murder of Wendy Mendez: A Tragic Case of Domestic Violence

For Immediate Release

The Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children is deeply outraged and saddened by the brutal murder of Wendy Mendez. This tragic case of domestic abuse turned murder is another painful reminder of the countless lives cut short due to gender-based violence.

What makes this crime even more disheartening is that it occurred during Women's Month—a time traditionally devoted to celebrating the strength, resilience, and invaluable contributions of our women. Instead of honoring them, we find ourselves in mourning, grappling with another senseless act of violence that not only devastates families but also undermines our collective sense of security.

We extend our deepest condolences to Wendy's family and loved ones during this time of unimaginable loss. We also call upon law enforcement to spare no effort in ensuring that the person responsible is brought to justice.

Moreover, we also call on communities to speak up, intervene, and support victims in breaking free from the cycle of abuse. Violence against women is not just a personal tragedy; it is a national crisis that demands our collective attention and action.

Every attack on a woman is an attack on the very fabric of our Belizean society. Therefore, as we observe this Women's Month, let us work together to prioritize the safety, dignity, and well-being of all women in Belize.

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100K Donation to Marine and Terrestrial Conservation

March 20, 2025 — Belize Nature Conservation Foundation (BNCF) grant program, managed and monitored by the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT), BZ$50,000 each was awarded to the Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and the Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation and Development (SACD).

While Monkey Bay primarily focuses on terrestrial conservation and SACD specializes in both marine and terrestrial conservation, both organizations share a common goal: to protect and highlight Belize's biodiversity while also educating the youth on the importance of conserving the nation's environment.

The recipients, Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (MBWS) and the Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation Development, (SACD), will enhance the protection and management of Belize's terrestrial protected areas. The grants were awarded during a ceremony at the Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Campus.

The MBWS will use its funds to implement the project, "Increased Management Effectiveness of the Monkey Bay National Park through Strategic Actions under MBWS' Protected Area Management Program". The project will focus on improving mobilization and enforcement efforts to combat illegal activities and mitigate wildfires within Monkey Bay National Park. Additionally, the MBWS will work with buffer communities to increase their awareness and appreciation of conservation efforts within the national park.

SACD's project, "Establishing Management and Protection for Bacalar Chico National Park (BCNP)," aims to strengthen surveillance and enforcement in the national park, fully operationalize the San Juan Ranger Station by 2025, and improve boundary demarcation and maintenance of the BNCP.

Speaking on the impact of the grant program, Mr. Leonardo Chavarria, BNCF Chairman, said "The endowment fund managed by the Foundation has provided grants worth nearly BZ$1.9 million for diverse projects that include biodiversity research, community engagement, practical training and education initiatives and upgrades to facilities, nature trails and public spaces in often remote locations, among many other successful efforts." He added, "BNCF remains committed to supporting initiatives that create meaningful and lasting change."

Established in 2001, the BNCF is an independently governed organization that supports registered co-managers in their endeavours to protect Belize's natural resources and terrestrial protected areas through grants. The Foundation was established under the Tropical Forest Conservation Agreement, a landmark debt-for-nature swap between the governments of Belize and the United States of America, brokered by The Nature Conservancy.

For the last 20 years, the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) has administered the BNCF's endowment and operational funds, overseeing grant management and project monitoring.

PRESS RELEASE

The Office of the Prime Minister Announces the Appointment of Government Senators

Belmopan, March 20, 2025.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño will advise Her Excellency Governor-General Dame Froyla Tzalam to make the following appointments to the Senate. The senators are Mr. Eamon Courtenay, SC, Mr. Christopher Coye, Mr. Linsford Castillo, Ms. Rozel Arana, Ms. Brittney Galvez, and Mr. Hector Guerra.

Senior Counsel Eamon Courtenay will serve as the leader of Government Business in the Senate.

The newly appointed senators will be sworn in during the inaugural sitting of the Senate, the date of which will be announced at a later time.

Ends

THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES CABINET APPOINTMENTS

Belmopan, March 15, 2025.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño will advise Her Excellency Governor-General Dame Froyla Tzalam to make the following appointments of Ministers of Government pursuant to section 40 of the Constitution, and the following Ministers of State pursuant to section 45 of the Constitution. The Prime Minister will also advise the Governor General to appoint the Attorney General pursuant to section 40(2) of the Constitution.

	Minister & Portfolio & Ministers of State
1	**John Briceño –** Prime Minister, Finance, Investment & Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation & E-Governance **Dolores Balderamos Garcia –** Sr. Min. of State: Office of the PM **Rodwell Ferguson –** Min. of State: Office of the PM **Osmond Martinez –** Min. of State: Economic Development
2	**Cordel Hyde –** Deputy Prime Min. , Natural Resources, Petroleum & Mining
3	**Francis Fonseca –** Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture & Immigration **Marconi Leal Jr. –** Min. of State: Foreign Trade
4	**Jose Abelardo Mai –** Agriculture, Food Security & Enterprise **Alex Balona –** Min. of State: Agriculture
5	**Julius Espat –** Infrastructure Development & Housing
6	**Kareem Musa -** Home Affairs & New Growth Industries
7	**Anthony Mahler –** Tourism, Youth, Sports & Diaspora Relations **Devin Daly –** Min. of State: Youth & Sports
8	**Kevin Bernard –** Health & Wellness
9	**Orlando Habet** – Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management **Ramiro Ramirez –** Min. of State: Sustainable Development Solid Waste Management
10	**Michel Chebat -** Public Utilities, Energy & Logistics **Gilroy Usher –** Min. of State: Public Utilities, Energy & Logistics
11	**Henry Charles Usher –** Public Service & Governance and NEMO
12	**Oscar Mira –** National Defence & Border Security
13	**Oscar Requena –** Education, Science & Technology **Ramon Cervantes –** Min. of State: Education, Science & Technology
14	**Andre Perez –** Blue Economy & Marine Conservation
15	**Louis Zabaneh –** Indigenous Constitution & Religious Affairs & Transport
16	**Florencio Marin –** Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour & Local Government
17	**Thea Ramirez –** Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs
18	**Anthony Sylvester –** Attorney General

Ambassador Stuart Leslie will serve as Cabinet Secretary and Chief of Staff.

Chief Executive Officers will be announced at a later date.

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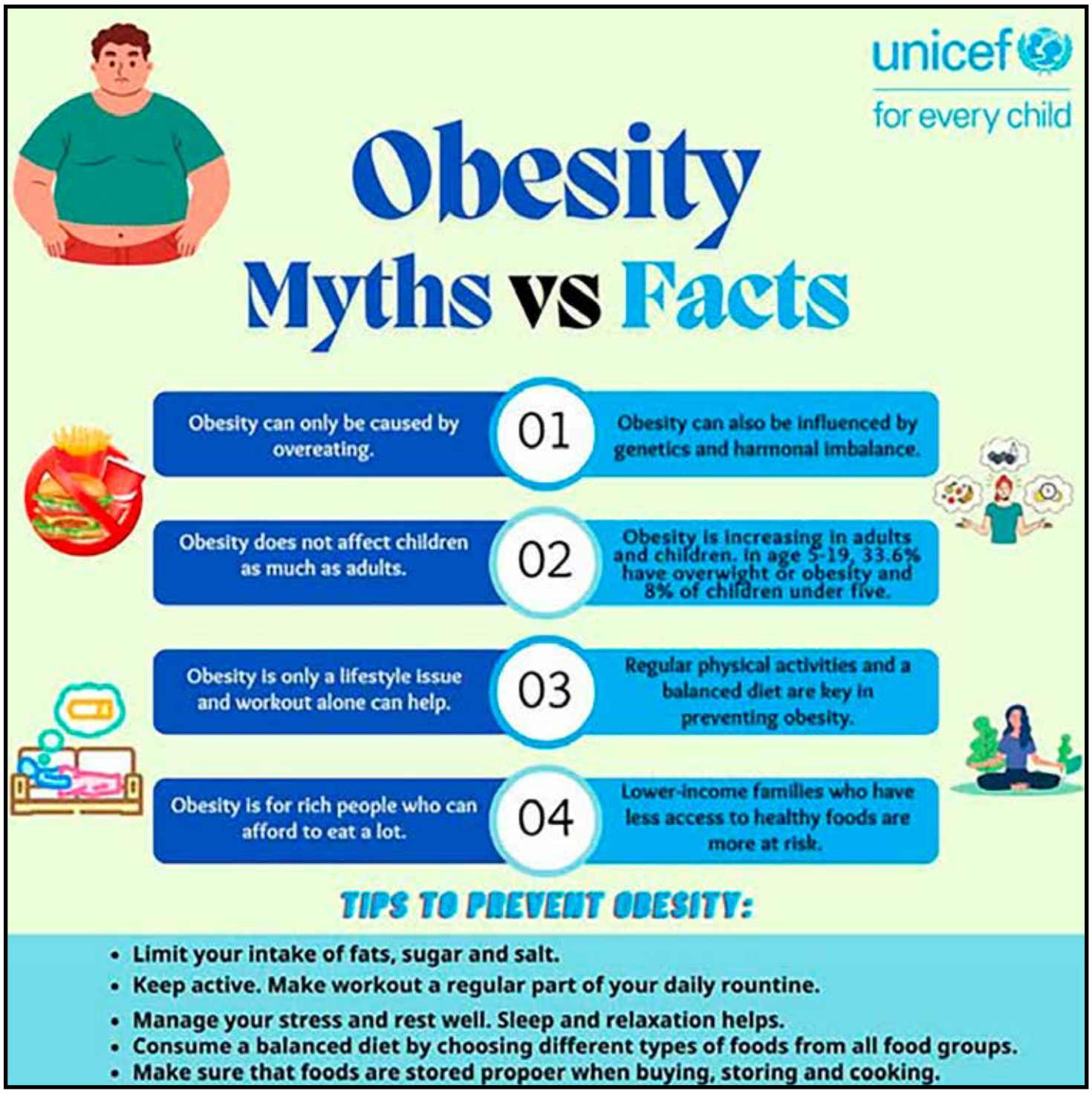
RRR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM DONATIONS TO POLYCLINICS

The islands of San Pedro and Caye Caulker are once again reaping the benefits of the incredible generosity and commitment of the RRR Emergency Response Team, who have facilitated the donation of essential medical equipment!

Thanks to their continuous efforts, the polyclinics in San Pedro and Caye Caulker have received an annual supply of crucial medical resources, greatly enhancing healthcare services for the islands residents.

The Hon. Perez, Area Representative, wants to express a sincere gratitude to the Island Stars and the numerous donors whose steadfast support strengthens our communities. A special shoutout goes to the coordinators of the RRR Emergency Response Team, NEMO San Pedro, and the Caribbean Queen Depot team for their efficient handling of cargo transfers. (post)

The Hon. Andre Perez takes his job to heart and applauds and appreciates the dedication to the well-being of our islands.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Obesity
Myths vs Facts
Obesity can only be caused by overeating.
01
Obesity can also be influenced by genetics and harmonal imbalance.
Obesity does not affect children as much as adults.
02
Obesity is increasing in adults and children. In age 5-19, 33.6% have overwight or obesity and 8% of children under five.
Obesity is only a lifestyle issue and workout alone can help.
03
Regular physical activities and a balanced diet are key in preventing obesity.
Obesity is for rich people who can afford to eat a lot.
04
Lower-income families who have less access to healthy foods are more at risk.
TIPS TO PREVENT OBESITY:
Limit your intake of fats, sugar and salt.
Keep active. Make workout a regular part of your daily rountine.
Manage your stress and rest well. Sleep and relaxation helps.
Consume a balanced diet by choosing different types of foods from all food groups.
Make sure that foods are stored propoer when buying, storing and cooking.

The National Festival of Arts 2025 is officially underway!

The festival opened with the Preschool segment which was held simultaneously in Belize City and San Pedro.

In San Pedro, a total of 12 preschools participated. And in Belize City, 31 urban and 28 rural preschools showcased their talent.

The Festival of Arts is a national platform for students to share their talent the arts from preschool to secondary.

The Festival of Arts is conducted through a partnership between the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) and the Ministry of Education (MOE).

LOST BOAT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE:

Notice is hereby given that **Michelle, Byron F. & Byron C. Dalziel** of San Pedro Town, Belize District, owners of a sailing catamaran, namely **"Almost There"** bearing registration number **SPR- 0520** is declaring the lost of their boat Registration Certificate.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
(GOODS)

Supply And Delivery of Furniture & Equipment – Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Sustainable and Inclusive Belize Program – (SIBP)
Process ID:	BL-L1041-P00047
Deadline:	**April 11, 2025;** 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Sustainable and Inclusive Belize Program – (SIBP). A portion of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for the **purchase *and delivery of equipment for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise.***

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotations for the Supply, Delivery and Installation for the following lots of items:

No.	Brief Description	Quantity
Lot 1	Computer Equipment	Available in bidding document
Lot 2	Assorted Equipment	Available in bidding document
Lot 3	Office Furniture	Available in bidding document

Bidders are allowed to quote for ALL Lots or Bidders are allowed to quote on either one of the Lots. All items per lot must be included to be considered responsive.

For further information and to obtain the complete bidding document, peruse the link below https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/

Bids can be delivered to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)** on **April 11, 2025**. **Late bids will be rejected.**

Karon Hamilton
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan City
Tel: 501-828-9228
Email khamilton.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

Scan Here For More Details:

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE: PlanBelize 2.0 Fi DI PEOPLE!

"There is the tide in the affairs of men
which, taken at the flood, leads on to
fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and miseries.
On such full a sea we are now afloat;
And we must take the current when it
Serves,
Or lose our ventures. "
William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar

In a sequence of events the People's United Party (PUP) marched into the general election 2025 with great optimism and the drive for victory. Mainly from the many campaign rallies, the massive National Convention and Nomination Day with the overwhelming support of a Blue Tide, the sea that kept the PUP afloat going into the elections. Last week's Belize Times edition was emblazoned with the headline - BLOWOUT! The Shakespearean quote above mentioned is indicative of the existing political atmosphere, pre-election and at the time of the outcome when the election results were reported. Belize became bluetified and the party took full advantage of the political current which led to the massive, super majority victory at the election polls. The election results (26-5) and 85,096 votes for the PUP, were a testament to the trust and confidence of the electorate. Considerably, for the stellar performance and unprecedented achievements of the PUP government from 2020 to 2025.

Incidentally, upon taking over the high stool of government the John Briceño administration was faced with a political cesspool of challenges. The infamous words from Dean Barrow of a poison chalice were an understatement. The architects of PlanBelize published the document in September 2020, however, it was not until the PUP Government held its first cabinet meeting that the dire state of the country was laid bare. The COVID-19 pandemic had the country in its grips, while the UDP-13 had destroyed the economy pushing it over the financial cliff. Prime Minister, John Briceño and his cadre of competent ministers quickly engaged in the recovery of Belize. Guided by the Northstar PlanBelize most of the mandated promises were delivered. Debt to GDP was reduced and the economy experienced steady economic growth, poverty was slashed, employment increased, the National Health Insurance (NHI) has reached the Cayo District in its final phase to include approximately 400,000 people, free education and housing for single-parent are just some of the glaring examples that PlanBelize delivered. The statement "Politicians are cheered for the promises they make, but Politicians are judged by the promises they keep" rung true. Raison d'etre for PUP BLOWOUT! Belize is being recognized, once again, for its electoral process of 'Free and Fair' elections.

Prime Minister, John Briceño with PlanBelize 2.0 in hand has named his cabinet ministers and ministers of state, following up with the appointments of CEOs to formalize his new government. Regarding the selection in both cases, PM Briceño has taken ownership, in ensuring the right fit. Critics and cynics abound, Prime Minister, John Briceño's leadership has steered the country and its people's lives that were bogged down in the depths of morass and misery by the UDP-13. When the PM uttered the words "Tonight, the celebration can be abundant but tomorrow, the work begins anew, because PlanBelize 2.0 will require a renewed, relentless focus on policies and programs that impact the lives of our people "it speaks to the heart of the social justice philosophy and the party motto "Serve the People ". The PM admonished his colleagues that re-election does not allow them the latitude to flaunt power, to lose humility. Also, the confidence earned for his administration will not be compromised and Briceño gave the assurance to act decisively to protect that flood of confidence of the electorate in delivering the massive victory on March 12th. John Briceño understands the global challenges that Belize will have to confront, which are more volatile and more complex, especially for Belize's small and open economy. Therefore, he forewarned that there would be no room for errors in the second term. And the PM said, "I pledge to do everything possible, to maintain stability, to protect the gains in our first term, to safeguard against hubris, to ensure humility and to deliver on our key manifesto promises."

With the opposition still in a state of flux and confusion, it allows room for complacency. However, it is clear that with John Briceño at the helm, the tide will lead Belize and the country to good fortunes delivered from PlanBelize 2.0.

By Hilly Bennett

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Tracy Zhu/Peiyu Chen** are applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Fit Fit Shop"** located at # 31 Amara Avenue, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gabriela Salgado** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Smokeez Seaside Restaurant & Bar"** located at # 63 Seashore Drive, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Olivia Bardalez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Beer We Go Again"** located at # 284 Maxboro, Sand Hill Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

BELIZE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES LTD.
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March 20, 2025

Public Notice

Relocation of Live Boledo, Ordinary & Jackpot Lottery Drawings

The Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. hereby advises the public that effective Sunday, April 27, 2025, the LIVE drawing of the Belize government lottery games; including Boledo, Ordinary Lottery and Jackpot Lottery will be relocated to the City of Belmopan.

The administrative office and all staff of the Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. are located in Belmopan. As a result, the relocation is being carried out to increase efficiency as well as to reduce the risk for the suspension of any future drawings due to the vulnerability of hurricanes and flooding in Belize City.

Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. assures the public that all protocols will continue as per usual. These protocols include:

- Weighing of balls before and after each drawing
- Witnessing of ball weighing by an auditor from the auditing firm of Coye & Associates as well as an officer from the Treasury Department or other Senior Public Service Office to ensure that the weights are within the acceptable weight range as per international guidelines
- Conducting of drawings by supervisory personnel from the Treasury Department or other Senior Public Service Officers.
- Witnessing of drawing by an auditor representing the auditing firm of Coye & Associates
- Live broadcast by Love FM

The new drawing office will be located inside the Emporium Plaza located at Cor. Rio Grande & Nim Li Punit Street, Belmopan City. Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. further reminds the general public that anyone wishing to attend and witness the live public drawings are always welcome to do so.

Fi we Fun, Fi we Profits, Fi we Boledo

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John Briceño - *(OW Central)*
Prime Minister, Finance, Investment & Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation & E-Governance

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Rodwell Ferguson - *(Stann Creek West)*
Min. of State: Office of the PM

Osmond Martinez - *(Toledo East)*
Min. of State: Economic Development

Cordel Hyde - *(Lake I)*
Deputy Prime Minister, Natural Resources, Petroleum & Mining

Francis Fonseca - *(Freetown)*
Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture & Immigration

Marconi Leal Jr. - *(Belize Rural North)*
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Henry Charles Usher - *(Fort George)*
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Tourism, Youth, Sports & Diaspora Relations

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Min. of State: Youth & Sports

Jose Abelardo Mai - *(OW South)*
Agriculture, Food Security & Enterprise

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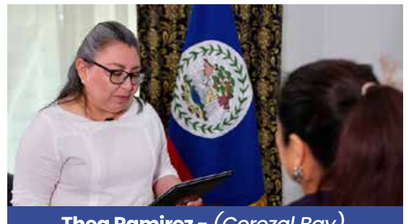

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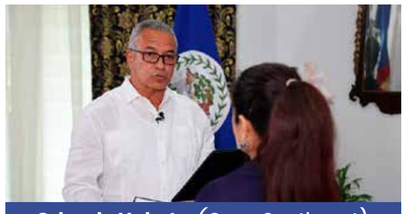

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Min. of State: Sustainable Development, Solid Waste Management

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Gilroy Usher - *(Port Loyola)*
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Education, Science & Technology

Ramon Cervantes - *(OW North)*
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Kareem Musa - *(Caribbean Shores)*
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Anthony Sylvester
Attorney General

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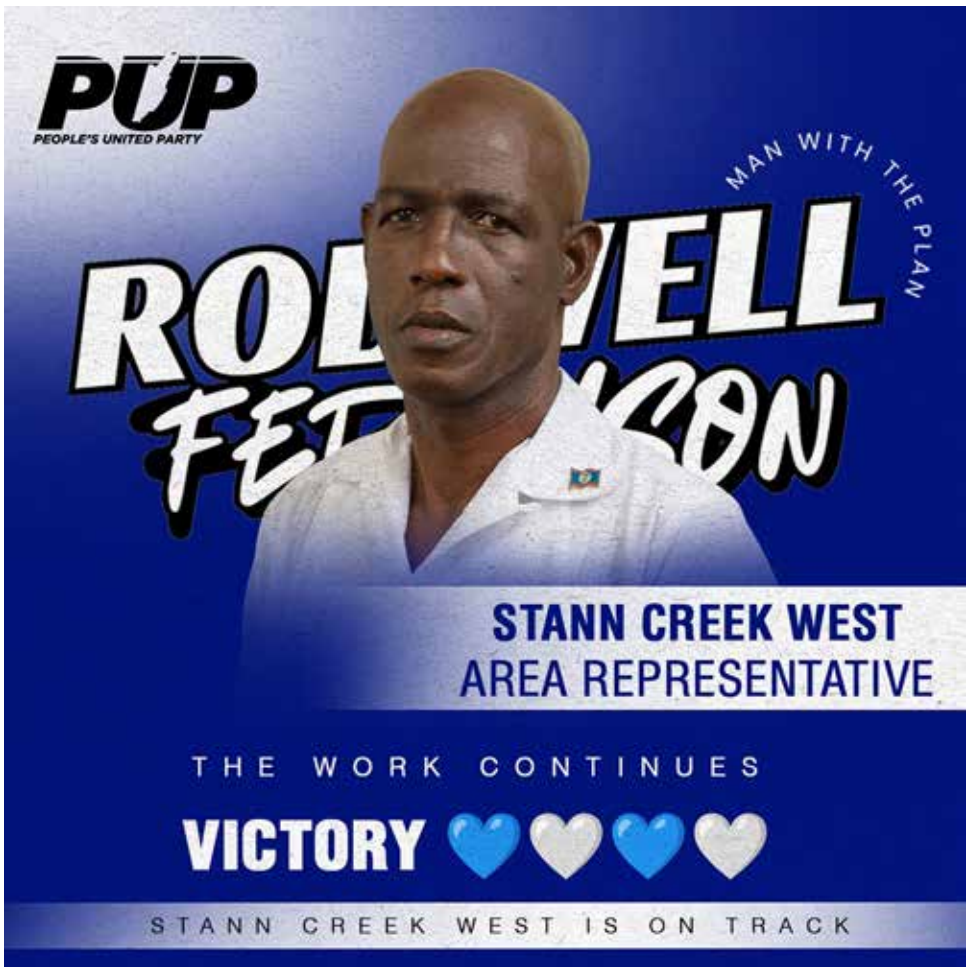
1. Roll out NHI for ALL
2. Raise minimum wage to $6
3. DEVELOP the Port of Belize
4. Expand FREE Education & Healthy Start
5. Expand 501Academy and PEOPLE'S Archives
6. Expand The Mobile LAND Clinic
7. More starter HOMES to 2 bedrooms
8. Massive increase in ROAD, and BRIDGE network
9. Advanced TECHNOLOGY to fight crime
10. Dramatically grow the AGRICULTURE basket

Nosotros vamos a

1. Implementar el NHI para TODOS
2. Aumentar el salario mínimo a $6
3. Desarollar el Puerto de Belice.
4. Ampliar la Educación GRATUITA y Healthy Start
5. Ampliar la Academia 501 y los Archivos del PUEBLO
6. Ampliar la Clínica MÓVIL de TIERRA
7. Más CASAS iniciales de 2 dormitorios
8. Aumento masivo en la red de CARRETERAS y PUENTES
9. Tecnología avanzada para combatir el crimen
10. Aumentar drásticamente la canasta de la AGRICULTURA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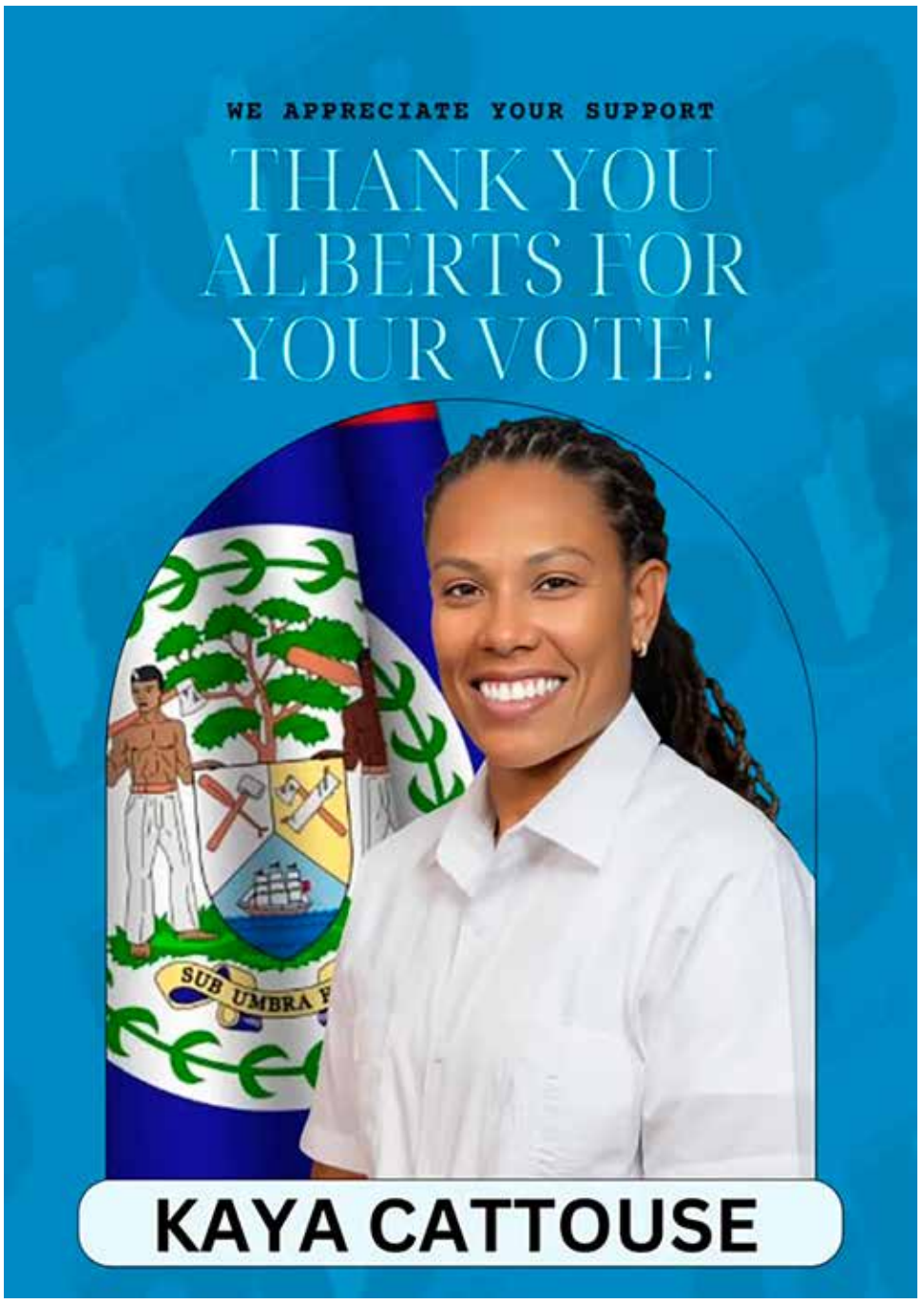
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BELTRAIDE NEWS

Buy Belize Expo at the Chactemal Bayside Plaza

On March 15, Buy Belizean Expo was held at the Chactemal Bayside Plaza thus giving local producers a great opportunity to showcase their products and learn about opportunities to build on their successes!

Mayor Rigo Vellos and Councillor Marleni Tapia (Councillor for local business support) were on hand to welcome the participants and organisers of the event: **BELTRAIDE and the Social Investment Fund.**

We thank the local agencies that joined to provide real support to the initiative: DFC, Social Security, Atlantic Bank, SFXCU and SMART.

CTC's Mayor Rigo & Councillor Marleni, along with SIF Director Carlos Tun & Beltraide's Executive Director Ishmael Quiroz & Jorge Gentle

View of vendor booths with their Belizean products on display

EXPO in OSAKA talks Continue

Representatives from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) visited the BELTRAIDE office to discuss Belize's preparations for Expo 2025 Osaka, Japan. The meeting focused on Belize's pavilion, planned activities, and the critical role of JICA in fostering business linkages between Belize and Japan.

Expo 2025 presents a unique opportunity for Belize to showcase its innovation, culture, and investment potential on a global stage. Through JICA's support, BELTRAIDE hopes to explore new partnerships, access international markets for Belizean businesses, and to strengthen bilateral cooperation with Japan.

BELTRAIDE remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and impactful presence at Expo 2025, highlighting Belize's growth and opportunities to the world.

Successful Export to Taiwan: Promotion Strategies

'Bridging Oceans: Taiwanese Insights on Distributing Belizean Sauces,'

BELTRAIDE, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), hosted its first webinar session on Taiwan Trade Insights: Successful Export Promotion Strategies for Belize. The webinar included special remarks by Mr. Simon Wang, President & CEO of TAITRA, and Mr. Ishmael Quiroz, Executive Director, of BELTRAIDE.

The session, 'Bridging Oceans: Taiwanese Insights on Distributing Belizean Sauces,' featured an insightful presentation by Mr. Paul Ho, Brand PR Officer at DE JAV International. Mr. Ho delivered insightful strategies for promoting Belizean products in the Taiwanese market. His presentation highlighted key aspects including, precise target customer identification, impactful marketing and promotional methodologies, and an overview of the intricacies and challenges associated with meeting Taiwan's import regulations.

Building upon this valuable exchange, a subsequent webinar, 'Taiwanese Seafood Industry Insights,' is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th, at 9:00 AM. This session will delve into the specific dynamics and opportunities within the Taiwanese seafood sector. Interested participants are encouraged to register, as spaces are still available.

WE'RE HIRING! JOIN OUR VIRTUAL JOB FAIR!

Looking for an exciting career opportunity? BELTRAIDE in collaboration with the Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance presents our Virtual Job Fair on March 27th, 2025.

Explore our open positions: Investment Promotion Associate, Digital Communication Officer, Digital Inclusion Technical Coordinator, Supplier Development Program Coordinator.

Find the Terms of Reference (TOR) here: https://www.beltraide.bz/upcoming-career-opportunities.html

Register now to secure your spot! https://forms.gle/4raXuFqUmLuYEzFb9

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DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
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Join us for a virtual job fair and delve into the wonderful career opportunities that BELTRAIDE has to offer!
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Belize Poultry Association AGM

March 18, 2025: Belize Poultry Association AGM held at Blue Creek. A well-attended AGM, with producers from all over the country, as well as stakeholder organizations such as BAHA, OIRSA and IICA. Recently installed Minister of Agriculture Jose Abelardo Mai spoke to the gathering about the importance of the sector and the future of agriculture.

Poultry is a very affordable source of protein, and Belize has seen steady increases in the value of the poultry sector. Apart from providing an affordable source of income, the poultry sector also provides viable income for hundreds of Belizeans.

Poultry might be the closest to the cattle industry in terms of economic footprint in Belize. The consumption of chicken is especially super ubiquitous and is definitely important in the always urgent agenda of the Ministry of Agriculture. PlanBelize embraces food security tightly and post-election 2025 this can still be seen in planBelize 2.0.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Supply of Honey Processing and Packaging Equipment in 6 Lots

Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Assignment Title: *Supply of Honey Processing and Packaging Equipment in 6 Lots*
Reference No.: RRB.G.30

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the works for which this Request for Bids (RFB) is issued.

The works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot 1: Purchase of Honey processing equipment (Green Creek Farmers' Cooperative, San Jose Village, Toledo District; Orange Walk Beekeepers, Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District; Caanan Livestock & Farmers Association, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District; Maya Golden Honey, San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District)

Lot 2: Purchase of Beehive boxes (Green Creek Farmers' Cooperative, San Jose Village, Toledo District; Orange Walk Beekeepers, Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District; Caanan Livestock & Farmers Association, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District; Maya Golden Honey, San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District)

Lot 3: Purchase of Honey packaging and marketing supplies (Green Creek Farmers' Cooperative, San Jose Village, Toledo District; Caanan Livestock & Farmers Association, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District)

Lot 4: Purchase of Bee-keeping maintenance equipment (Maya Golden Honey, San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District)

Lot 5: Purchase of Honey packaging equipment (Orange Walk Beekeepers, Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District; Caanan Livestock & Farmers Association, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District)

Lot 6: Design and printing of Labels (Green Creek Farmers' Cooperative, San Jose Village, Toledo District; Caanan Livestock & Farmers Association, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District)

A bid security in the amounts specified is required for the following lots:

- Lot 1: $1,500.00 (Belize Dollars)
- Lot 2: $1,800.00 (Belize Dollars)

A bid-securing declaration is required for the following lots:

- Lot 3
- Lot 4
- Lot 5
- Lot 6

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites construction firms to submit bids for the construction of works as outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documentation. Contractor/s will be selected using the **national competitive bidding (NCB)** method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFB) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds,
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: l**palacio.rrb@med.gov.bz**
Copied to: Nadia Vernon, **nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz**

Please note that bids can be submitted either physically or electronically. In submitting a physical bid, the bidder must submit one (1) original and 2 copies, sealed in two separate inner envelopes, enclosed in one outer envelope, sealed and marked as per ITB 23.2(c), and addressed to the address stated above. In addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flash drive also included in the sealed outer envelope. Electronic Bids shall be submitted by email, as a password protected, single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the email address stated above. The password shall be submitted in a separate email, five (5) to ten (10) minutes after the bid submission deadline and before the public opening of bids as specified in BDS 24.1 and 27.1.

The pre-bid meeting shall be held at the following address: Resilient Rural Belize Programme Office, Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, C.A. The date and time of the pre-bid meeting is April 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time.

The deadline for submission of bids shall be no later than **April 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the address above.

BELIZE YOUTH MOVEMENT

CREATING YOUNG LEADERS, HOPE, OPPORTUNITY AND RESULTS.

PRESS RELEASE

March 20, 2025

Belize Youth Movement (BYM) Congratulates Brittney Galvez on Her Appointment as Bell Youngest Senator and Advocates for Greater Youth Representation in Governance

The Belize Youth Movement (BYM) proudly extends its congratulations to Brittney Galvez on her appointment as one of Belize's youngest female senators. Galvez's appointment is a significant milestone not only for her personally but also for the youth of Belize, marking an important step toward ensuring young voices are heard and represented in the governance of our nation.

Brittney Galvez has been a dedicated and active member of the People's United Party's (PUP Belize Youth Movement (BYM) and the United Women's Group (UWG). Her appointment to the Senate is a clear indication that youth are ready and capable of taking up spaces in governance and making meaningful contributions to the country's future.

At BYM. we firmly believe that youth must be at the forefront of shaping the policies and decisions that will determine the future of Belize. It is a clear signal that the next generation of readers is ready to take charge, bring fresh perspectives, and drive positive change.

The Belize Youth Movement stands with Brittney Galvez in this historic moment and look forward to her contributions in governance. We encourage all political parties to continue fostering youth engagement and creating pathways for young people to actively participate in shaping the future of Belize. Once again, we congratulate Brittney Galvez on this remarkable achievement and reaffirm our commitment to advocating for greater youth representation in governance.

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Promises Made, Promises Kept, In OW East

This is an example of what can be seen all over the country. This is a veritable example of what planBelize brings all over the different constituencies. The numbers in our free and open election to not lie. The democratic spirit of our nation and its voters is precise: they can see and feel the progress in Belize and cast their vote to continue this. Party slogan 'right pan track' aside it is true that the electorate blasted all the social media and UDP-leaning talk show hosts by voting to keep the UDP gone and to maintain our Belize in a path to even more prosperity.

In Hon. Kevin Bernard's OW East, over 500 first-time land owners are benefiting from a new subdivision! Not only are these first-time owners getting a piece of the jewel, but they are also gaining a financial jumpstart for their future with PlanBelize 2.0.

The repeat Area Representative has already begun the work to identify another area where a new subdivision will be done so that all those OW East residents who are deserving first-time land owners can get access to a piece of land. It takes a long process but our Area Representative is getting the job done.

While on the campaign trail in Chan Pine Ridge, the area representative met with the family of a brave student from the Chan Pine Ridge Government School. There she explained to the minister that her class urgently needed better ventilation to improve their learning environment. Hon. Bernard delivered a Prime air condition unit for her class.

The Carmelita Government School also felt the love from their area representative as he delivered a prime air conditioning unit to the pre-school section.

The delivery of the land and items are equally important to the lives of the residents. So as planBelize 2.0 relentlessly improves the lives of our citizens, the challenge is to be more innovative and efficient in order to reach many more.

Eulogy for Belizario Ramon Carballo

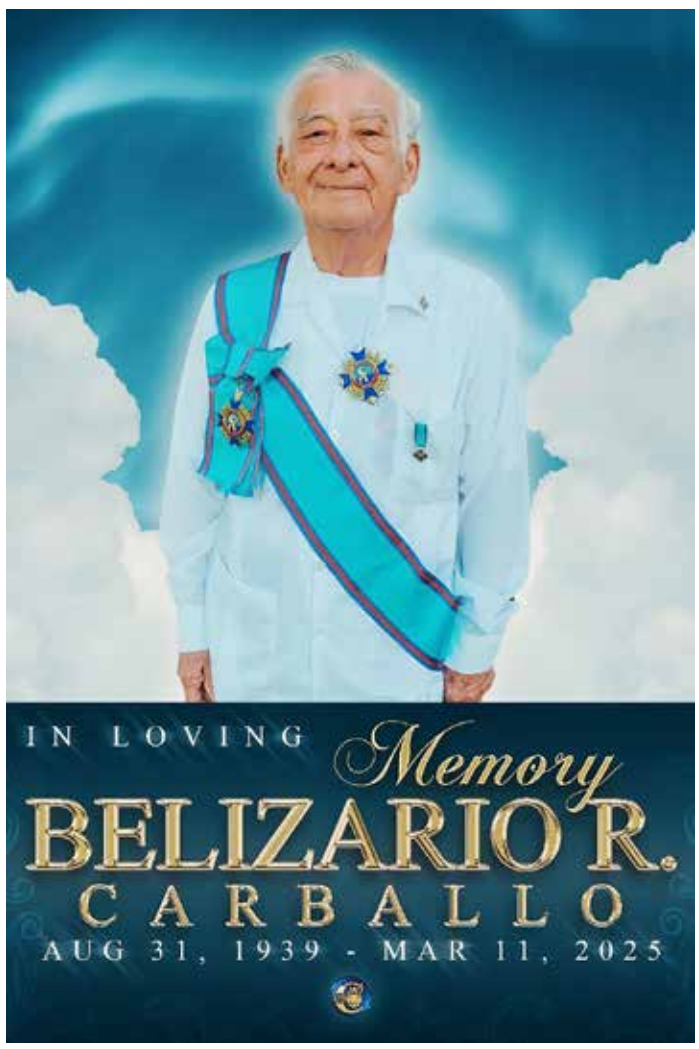
Celebrating his Life and Legacy
La Inmaculada Church, Friday 14 March 2025
Written by: Belizario Filiberto Carballo
Read By: Jose Humberto Carballo Jr. on behalf of All the Family.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, family and friends. Good afternoon and thank you for being here to honour and celebrate the life of an extraordinary community leader and beloved family man - Mr Belizario Ramon Carballo, affectionately known as Don Belis to many and to our family as just "B", Daddy or Grandpa.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even if he dies shall have everlasting life." As Christians, we firmly believe in those words of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and so as we are gathered here today, at La Inmaculada Church, we present to our Lord his beloved son and servant, whom he has called to eternal glory.

As we reflect today on the life of our dad, we are reminded of the enduring words of a popular hymn "May the work I have done speak for me". Today, we gather to celebrate the life of a man whose work will echo for generations to come.

Belizario Ramon Carballo was born on August 31, 1939 in Orange Walk Town, the eldest of 10 children. He is predeceased by his mother, Buenaventura Acosta+, his father, Miguel Carballo+; step-father- Eusebio Torres+; sisters Juanita Eumelia Copo+, Arcelia Leiva+; and brother Javier Eusebio Torres+. He is survived by his sisters Nellie Chi, Adelita Carballo, Diana Peralta, Maria Luciana Rodriguez and Gabriela Arnold and brothers Rafael Torres and Rene Torres and a host of nieces and nephews.



He is also survived by his wife, Irma Carballo nee Constanza; six children, Arsenio Andres, Jose Humberto, Belizario Filiberto, Luis Antonio, Noel Ramon, Miriam Annette; daughters-in-law Magdalena, Lisbeth, Rocio and Sandra; son-in-law Angel Briceno; grandchildren Roanna, Roselle, Ginelle, Belizario Gian, Jose Humberto Jr, Noel Noe, Johan, Angel Andres; and great-grandchildren Nikolas, Léandre and Celeste. Just last month on Valentine's Day, our parents completed 65 years of being happily married.

Our beloved Dad attended La Inmaculada School from 1945 to 1953 and was among the first group of students to enter Muffles College. After one year, he transferred to St John's College where he completed high school in 1956. Our Dad's work touched so many lives in so many different ways. He had an accomplished career in education, was a devoted member of the Catholic Church, and a practitioner of community good.

As an Educator:

He began his teaching career as an elementary school teacher at La Inmaculada School in January 1957 and in July 1959, joined the staff of Muffles College as a Mathematics teacher. In 1966, he was appointed Principal of Muffles College for one year, after which the school was taken over by the Sisters of Mercy. In 1977, the Sisters of Mercy appointed him Principal of Muffles College; a post he held for 21 years until December 31, 1998. During this period, he raised the standards of the institution to being a leading High School in Belize. In 1992, he, along with the Hon Leopoldo Briceno, opened Muffles Junior College. He was the first Dean and held the dual role of Principal of the high school and Dean of the Junior College until his retirement on December 31, 1998, after forty-two years as an educator.

Belizario Carballo's professional career in Education started when he obtained his First-Class Teacher's Certificate in 1958. He later gained a Certificate in Education and Mathematics from Southampton University, England in 1970. He also did several courses in administration and management at Oregon State University and Ferris State College in the USA.

During the course of his professional career, our dad was a founding member of the Northern Secondary Teacher's Association, and the Northern Secondary School's Sports Association. On several occasions he served of the CXC National Committee since its inception in 1977 and served as Chairman for two years prior to his retirement in 1998.

As a Farmer

Alongside his education career, our Dad found time to live out his passion for farming. He established a farm with sugar cane and hundreds of fruit trees on a 52 acres parcel of land, some 7 miles from town, just off the Happy Home Road. We have fond memories of going to the farm on weekends and holidays on bicycle with our Dad and have photos that capture many happy family moments at the farm.

Our Dad was an active canefarmer and served in the Managing Committee of the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers' Association.

As a Community Leader:

Our Dad had a deep sense of service to his Community and Country and through his involvement and active participation, contributed to the development of several organizations. He was a founding member of La Inmaculada Credit Union and as President of the Belize Association of Principals of Secondary Schools (BAPSS), where he was instrumental in negotiating the inclusion of government-aided high school teachers into the Teacher's Pension Plan. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Belize Technical College, the Belize College of Agriculture, the Belize College of Arts, Science and Technology (BELCAST), and the Mathematics Committee for the formulation of syllabi for elementary schools. He was co-author of a book in Mathematics title 'Active Mathematics' which was widely used in primary schools. He was also a member served in various capacities over the years. He was a member of the Lions Club in Orange Walk. He was an active member of the La Inmaculada Parish and served in various roles. He also served along with our Mom Irma as an active member of Marriage Encounter and in the La Inmaculada Chapter of Saint Vincent de Paul Society. He was always willing to serve in church for masses to the very end.

Our Dad had a passion for politics and was a stalwart of the People's United Party. He served at the municipal level as a Town Councillor from 1967 to 1984 (with the exception of one term while he was studying). He was the deputy mayor of Orange Walk for two terms. He was a member of the Crimes Commission, the Police Complaints Board, and visiting Justice of Prisons. He was honoured by the People's United Party as a member of the Order of Distinguished Service (ODS) and was elected Chairman in 2001. He served as Chairman of the ODS for several terms and in that capacity held a seat in the National Executive Committee of the party.

Our Dad was also known for his elocution skills, being the official Master of Ceremonies (MC) for many community events including National Day Celebrations. He was Radio Belize Correspondent for Orange Walk and a Caller for Spelling Bee Contests.

In 1990, the Government of Belize commissioned him as a Justice of the Peace and in 2002 he was appointed Senior Justice of the Peace. In June 1991, her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II honoured him with the title of Member of the British Empire (MBE). In September 2011, the Government of Belize invested him with The Meritorious Service Award in recognition to his contribution to education. In September 2021, the Government of Belize invested him with The Order of Distinction in recognition to his contribution to education and community service.

While enjoying his retirement, our Dad continued to live a very active life helping in church activities as a member of La Inmaculada Parish Council, a board member of the newly founded Bishop Martin High School, an active Committee member of HelpAge Orange Walk including serving as President for several years, as National Aids Commissioner for the Orange Walk district, as member of the Sandy Hunter Library Committee, and a member of the Task Force for enquiring into the teaching of African and Mayan History in the Educational System of Belize.

In the end, our Dad lived a full life – he worked and today those works speak for him louder than any tribute we can offer. May his life be a lesson for the ages and a beacon for the future. While he has passed away, his legacy lives on in all those he touched with his joy, love and service.

May he rest in peace and may the love he planted in our lives bloom forever in his honour.

Belize Get First Woman LOO

The Hon. Tracy Panton is the first woman Leader of the Opposition. This first nevertheless comes at the helm of a coalition of UDPs that called themselves Shyne UDP's. The court was supposed to pronounce on that UDP matter on the 31st of March. It might be moot by the court but the idea that the UDP is a dead mass party is real. In 2020, the UDP had 5 representatives in the House and now they have 5 reps again BUT with some 30 thousand or more less votes. Shyne resigned from some party! Hugo wants to unite ashes that are left. What is clear is that there is really no come back for any Tracy set that continues to push characters that Shyne called 'dinosaurs' lest he call them corrupt. Tracy herself cannot not hide the fact that she was part and parcel of the corrupt hotbeds in the Barrow administration. Tracy cannot hide that she won in a small constituency with transferred voters who common sense shows do not even live in Alberts less on Regent Street.

Bye bye Faber… He is still being held as significant to the Tracy leadership. He was not even significant when elected. Faber is slated to disappear politically.

The five of the UDP are devoid of ONE thing. They will have NO talking points. Shyne lied and faked to get content but at least he had his rapping penchant. Tracy, Sista B's boy, Guerra, Lee, and Hugo do not have talking skills nor no idea how to rebut nor any ability to help the Belizean people.

Democracy is alive in Belize. The people are the PUP's guardrails; there is no better.

"Mainstream" Media Insults Voters

One UDP media person was overheard hurling expletives at the ceremonies for the PMs swearing in at the Government house. This is a sad case for this make-believe journalist. The crux of the matter is that this person like other UDP media fail to respect the will of the Belizean people. The huge disparity does not convince some media that planBelize is a big success in most homes.

The mainstream media still cannot come out to fathom the real notion that planBelize is a colossal success. "Some are saying that the success at the polls is as a consequence of the low quality of the opponents." What does the PUP have to do to have 5 and 7 say, "we were wrong" the people have chosen the PUP since they have dramatically changed lives? Thousands said with their collective vote that the PUP made many of them win.

Thousands can feel Belize working to make their lives better Thousands cannot fathom their lives back under Tracy/Shyne/Faber/Saldivar who are unconfessed members of the Barrow hotbeds of corruption. Maybe, if the media picks that angle and you will be moving from fake manufactured news to the real independent broadcasts.

The Myth of Low Voter Turnout

The Voter turnout was 65.1 per cent which is normal worldwide. NO media house can say that "they are saying." The ONLY real "they" was garnered on March 12, 2025. The voting population that was registered spoke in statistically very great numbers. What can be said is that only a few twenty thousand or so voted for both of the UDP together while 100 thousand voted PUP. Where is the respect for the majority?

7 loses another Election

Since 2018 Channel 7 has been losing elections. The UDP slanted channel cannot help themselves as they are UDP. 7 has a huge following but so does wrestling. Seven's followers obviously listen to his manufacturing and do not follow 7's rhetoric…..jus get entertained by their morning bull and the Cuts from their night show.

We at the Belize Times spread the truth of the works of the People's United Party unapologetically. Seven feigns at being independent when they are the most rabid of UDP. But, the people have not followed 7 since 2018! Advertisers usually stay away from stations who are politically slanted so once in a while 7 tries to act independent.

They should come out of their political closet and stop fabricating stuff to their audience. For context, the UDP/7 lost 2018 Municipals, 2019 Village Councils, 2020 General Elections(26-5), 2021 Municipals (64-3), 2022 Village Councils (more than 150 villages of 197), 2024 Municipals (all except SI/SE), and now 2025 General Elections at a greater number of voters at 26-5 super majority again.

7 should be humbled and begin a truth phase. Then they would be Right Pan Track to good journalism.

NEW LEADERSHIP AT NEMO

Appointment of Minister Henry Charles Usher as Minister of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management

17 March 2025 – The Office of the Prime Minister has appointed Hon. Henry Charles Usher as the Minister of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management effective 17 March 2025.

The Ministry of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management congratulates Minister Henry Charles Usher and offers its full support for his continued leadership in advancing these portfolios. (release)

The Hon. Usher is already visiting with the staff at NEMO accompanied by the CEO Rolando Zetina. The entire planBelize 2.0 team has hit the road running and take the task of serving the people seriously. The people expect a lot and the team is up to the challenge.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of EMMANUEL DERRICK OGALDEZ, Deceased, of SEINE BIGHT VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the **Estate of EMMANUEL DERRICK OGALDEZ** deceased, of **SEINE BIGHT VILLAGE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT, BELIZE** who died on the 8th day of December, 2022 in whose estate a Grant of Administration has been granted to **FELIPA JASSETTE OGALDEZ,** the lawful Administratrix of **Seine Bight Village, Stann Creek District, Belize,** on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof **AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN** that at the expiration of the said three months the said **FELIPA JASSETTE OGALDEZ** shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said, **EMMANUEL DERRICK OGALDEZ**, deceased, amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

DATED this 18th day of March 2025

GLENN D. GODFREY & COMPANY LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for
FELIPA JASSETTE OGALDEZ
Administratrix of the Estate of
EMMANUEL DERRICK OGALDEZ

PEN-FRIENDS WANTED:

Switzerland friend interested in Belize, looking for Belizean pen-friends. Please write in English or German to the following address:

Vitus Castelberg
Aspermonststr 19
CH-7000 CHUR
Switzerland (Europe)

Smart City Summit & Expo Attended by BMP Council

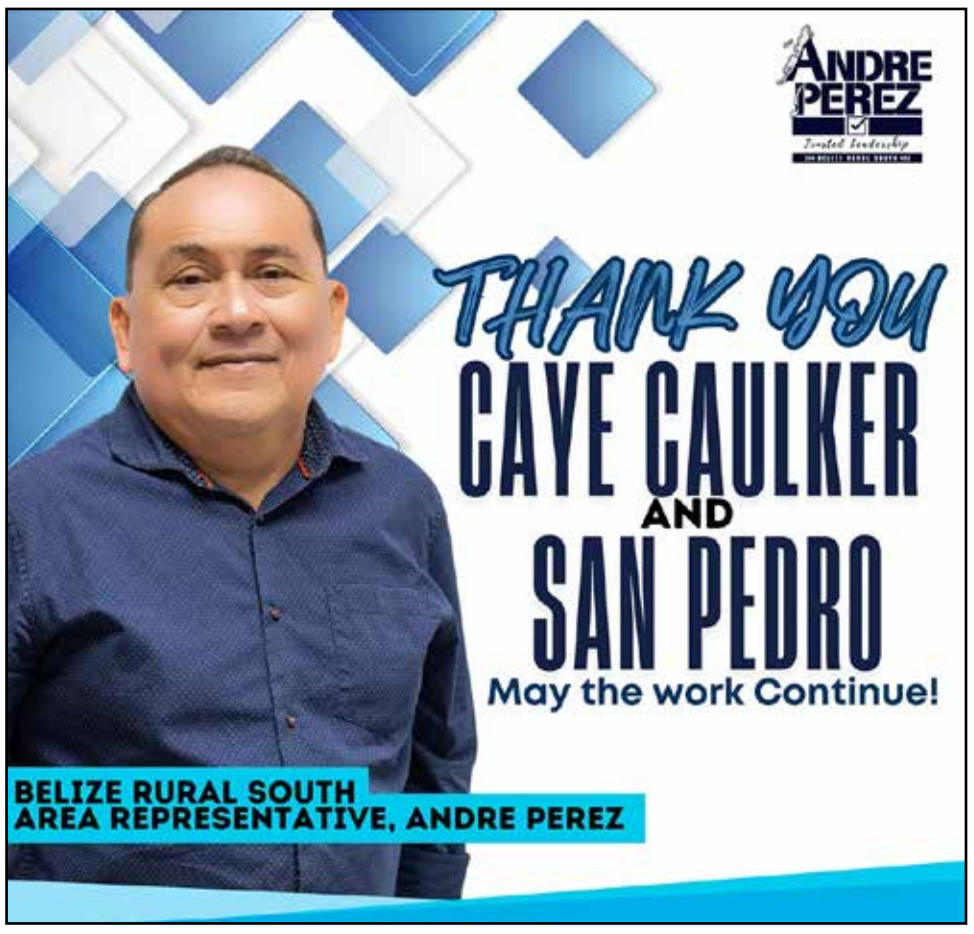
His Worship, Mayor Pablo Cawich, and his delegation attended the first day of the 2025 Smart City Summit & Expo in Taipei, Taiwan. The event, which brings together global leaders, industry experts, and innovators, officially opened today with a grand ceremony. As part of the summit, Mayor Cawich had the distinct honor of delivering a speech at a sub-forum, where he emphasized the transformative role of artificial intelligence in modern urban development.

His address highlighted how AI-driven solutions can enhance Belmopan City's infrastructure, improve public services, and create more sustainable and efficient communities. The delegation was already looking forward to engaging in insightful discussions, networking with key stakeholders, and exploring cutting-edge technologies. He shared his insights on the topic with the General Assembly, alongside numerous other mayors and government officials from various cities and countries.

Following his speech, Mayor Cawich was invited to Taipei City Hall, where he met with the Mayor of Taipei, Chiang Wan-an. Both mayors reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the sister city relationship between Belmopan and Taipei.

During his visit, Mayor Cawich engaged in discussions on key issues affecting Belmopan, including capacity building, flood mitigation, urban planning, and infrastructure development. Before concluding his visit, he extended an invitation to Mayor Chiang Wan-an to visit Belmopan.

The importance of several sister city relationships between several of our municipalities and world cities highlights the high level of desire Belize has to being exposed to best practices and equally the world's desire to learn from Belize. This is definitely a barometer to the success of Belize on the world stage.



Solid Waste Management Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE
INVITATION TO BID

Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB) acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Contract No	Name	Contract Period
13-2024/2025	Loading, Trucking, and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the Dangriga Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 Months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing public procurement within Belize.

3.This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as described in the Bidding Documents.

4. Qualification requirements are provided in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders' attention is drawn to the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested Bidders by way of email application to the email address below.

6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the email address specified in the email application.

7. The new deadline for the delivery of bids to the address below is Friday, March 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Electronic bid submission shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Interested public/ civil society entities and NGOs can also attend the Bid opening.

8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders are reminded to submit all documentations specified in the bidding documents.

9. The Government of Belize will declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract funded by the Government of Belize, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.

10. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid "the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption". In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.

11. The address referred to above for:

(i) Application for Bidding Documents, (ii) submission of Bids, and (iii)
opening Bid, is:

The address referred to above is:
Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Attn: Procurement Officer
3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid
Garden Area City of Belmopan, Belize,
C.A.
Tel: (501) 802 1527
PO Box 285

E-mail: procurement@solidwaste.gov.bz with copy to tuckerla@gobmail.gov.bz

LETTER TO THE Editor

Thousands Have Spoken

Dear Editor,

The 2025 General Election has come and gone with its results present. The people of Belize in the thousands have spoken loud and clear. Through the power of democracy, Belizeans have once again exercised their right to vote, shaping the future of our nation. It is always amazing as I never take it for granted.

This election was more than just a contest between parties—it reflected the Belizean people's hopes, frustrations, and aspirations. The results show that voters have placed their trust in those they believe can best lead our country forward. Now, it is up to the elected leaders to honor that trust by delivering on their promises.

No matter which party one supports, the real victory lies in the continued strength of our democracy. The work ahead requires unity, accountability, and a commitment to national development above partisan interests. The people have spoken—now it is time for action.

The Work Continues!

Sincerely,

G Humes

LETTER TO THE Editor

Ex-masse Party UDP Delusional

Dear Editor,

The UDP is once again trying to rebrand itself, but Belizeans are not fooled by the noise in the market. They may have a new leader, but it is the same old UDP—divided, dysfunctional, and out of touch with the people. For years, they mismanaged our country, leaving behind economic disaster, corruption, and neglect. Now, they expect us to believe that with a new leader, they can erase their record.

Instead of focusing on solutions to their internal issues, they stuck to petty infighting, recycling the same tired politicians who brought the party to ruin. Belizeans deserve leadership that works for them, not a party that only serves itself. The UDP's so-called "new" leader and lack of real leadership is nothing but an illusion. That is why on March 12th; we choose progress over empty promises.

The Briceño administration continues to deliver!

Sincerely,

John Z. Brown, Jr.

LETTER TO THE Editor

Youth Demography Shaped This Election

Dear Editor,

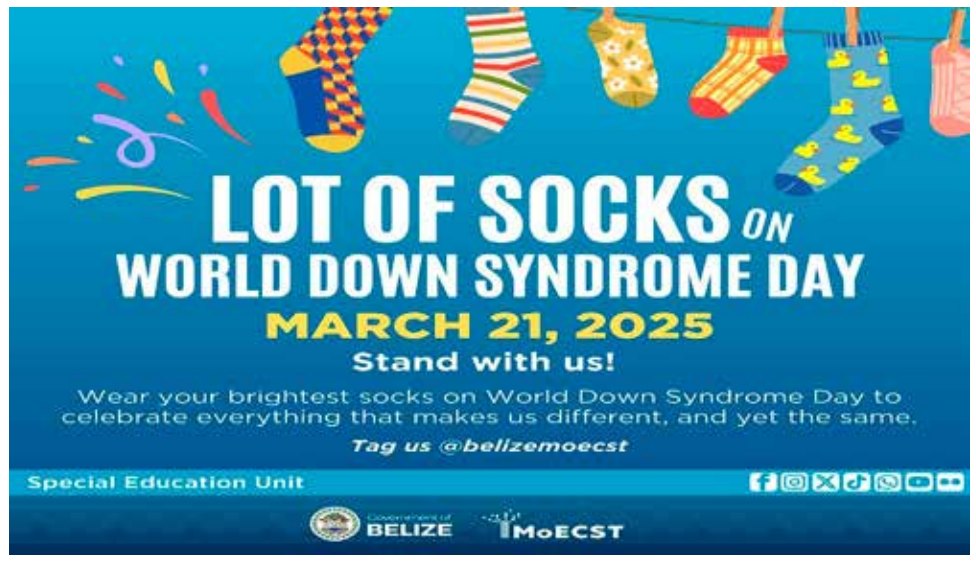
The 2025 election sent a clear message—Belize's youth are engaged, energized, and ready to lead. As Deputy Prime Minister Cordel Hyde rightly said, "The youth came out for me," proving that young people are not just the future but the present force in shaping our democracy.

This election saw a historic turnout from young voters and leaders alike. Newcomers like Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Hon. Marconi Leal Jr., and Devin Daly have demonstrated that youth representation is no longer a dream but a reality. They bring fresh ideas, bold leadership, and a deep commitment to progress.

This movement is a testament to the Briceño administration's investment in young people—through education, job creation, and opportunities for meaningful participation. The message is clear: Belize's youth are stepping up, and their voices will shape the nation's direction for years to come.

Sincerely,

Y Thompson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MARCH 21, 2025
Stand with us!
Wear your brightest socks on World Down Syndrome Day to celebrate everything that makes us different, and yet the same.
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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Procurement of Office Furniture & Office Equipment for Four (4) POs

Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Assignment Title: Procurement of Office Furniture & Office Equipment for Four (4) POs
Reference No.: RRB.G.28

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the financing to the purchase for which this request for quotations (RFQ) is issued.

The goods, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lots	Items	Quantity
1. Office Equipment	Desktop Computer	3
	Laptop Computer	1
	3-in-one Inkjet Printer	4
	Set of Ink Cartridges for Printer	2
2. Office Furniture	Office Desk	1
	Office Chair	1
	Filing Cabinet	1

Submitted quotations should be accompanied by:

a. Cover letter
b. A copy of your business registration;
c. Completed price and delivery schedule;
d. Adequate technical documentation and catalogue(s) and any other pertinent information.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites suppliers to submit quotations for supply of Office Furniture and Office Equipment as outlined in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) documentation. Suppliers will be selected using the national shopping (NS) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at **www.ifad.org/project-procurement**.

Suppliers interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an email, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFQ) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: **lpalacio.rrb@med.gov.bz**
Copied to: Nadia Vernon - **nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz**

Quotations should be submitted in physical form or by email attachment (in pdf format), by the deadline and to the address stated above.

The **deadline for receipt of your quotation is April 16th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time**. A pre-bid meeting will be held on April 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Resilient Rural Belize Office, Agriculture Showgrounds, City of Belmopan. Last date for request for clarifications is April 8th, 2025 and the Client will respond to bidders' questions by April 11th, 2025.

GCF Regional Dialogue with the Caribbean

March 18, 2025 – Belize's Ministry of Economic Development is participating in the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Regional Dialogue in Saint Kitts and Nevis, represented by Mr. Leroy Martinez, Acting Director of the Climate Finance Unit (CFU), and Mr. Kaelan Mendez, Project Officer in the CFU.

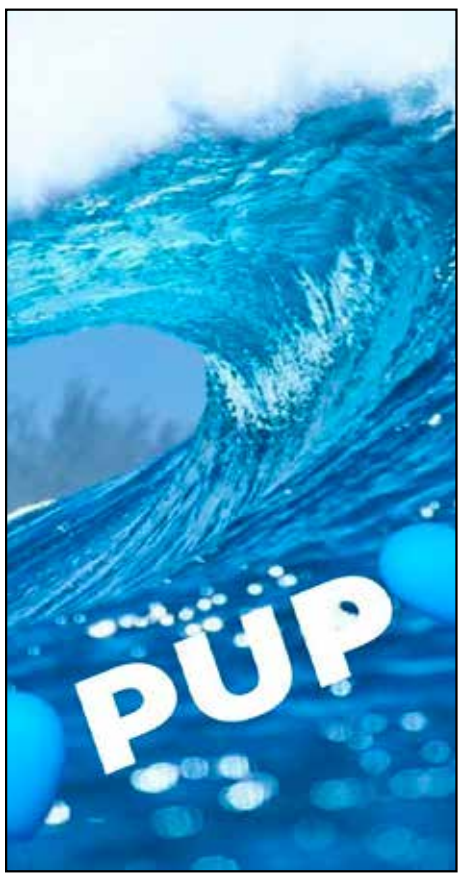
Mr. Mendez will engage in bilateral meetings with the GCF Regional Team to discuss the ongoing portfolio and pipeline of projects, as well as forge partnerships with Accredited Entities and other National Designated Authorities (NDAs) from the Caribbean region to facilitate knowledge sharing. Meanwhile, Mr. Martinez will take part in a panel discussion, where he will share insights on lessons learned to help shape future readiness success. In his statement, he emphasized, "To me, the regional dialogue is important since this is where we can meet with GCF representatives to fast-track priority projects and learn more about recent changes in the fund's procedures and modalities."

The GCF Regional Dialogue provides an invaluable platform for Caribbean partners to engage with GCF representatives and each other, fostering the exchange of knowledge, policy priorities, and climate investment planning in the region. The event also encourages collaboration between national entities and private sector actors, including commercial banks, credit unions, and potential corporate co-investors. By strengthening these partnerships, participants will gain a deeper understanding of how to leverage GCF policies and funding mechanisms to develop sound, effective climate investment plans and initiatives.

Throughout the event, discussions will cover key topics such as Readiness, Accreditation, Funded Activities development and implementation, and other technical matters affecting climate project planning.

This dialogue reinforces Belize's commitment to regional collaboration and advancing climate investment strategy in alignment with global climate goals.

Other members of the Belize delegation include Mr. Abil Castaneda, Executive Director of the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT); CEO Henry Anderson, representing the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) as a potential Accredited Entity to support the private sector; and Ms. Christina Coc, representing the Indigenous Peoples Organization. (release)



Invitation for Bids

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Belize
Water Supply & Modernization Program
5754/OC-BL
Supply and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment for BWS Network
BL-L1043-P00001

1. The *Belize Water Services Limited has received financing* from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of *Water Supply & Modernization Program* and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for *Supply and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment for BWS Network.*
2. *Belize Water Services Limited* now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for *Purchase and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment.*
3. The Request for Bids will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Policies.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Water Services Limited, Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Specialist, rce@bwsl.com.bz;* and inspect the bidding document at the address given below from *8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Belize local time.*
5. Qualifications requirements include *Goods must meet technical specifications, financials, power of attorney and other requirements.* A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically *"shall not",* be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in *English* may be requested by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before *2:00 p.m. Belize local time on May 2nd, 2025.* Electronic bidding *will not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at *2:15 p.m. Belize local time on May 2nd, 2025*. All bids must be accompanied by a *"Bid Security"* of *10% of bid price per lot* or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
8. The address(es) referred to above is(are):

   Ms. Jahnina Reyes,
   Procurement Specialist,
   Belize Water Services Limited,
   7 Central American Boulevard,
   Belize City, Belize C.A.
   +501-222-4757

PRESS RELEASE

Statement by the Government of Belizeon the Passing of Mr. Aurelio Martínez

Belmopan. March 18, 2025

The Government and people of Belize are deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic passing of the late Aurelio Martínez, a Honduran musical and cultural icon, on March 17, 2025.

Aurelio Martínez, affectionately known as Aurelio, had become the leading cultural ambassador of the Garifuna People and was a highly accomplished singer, percussionist, guitarist, and performer who shared the uniqueness and richness of the Garifuna culture locally, regionally, and internationally.

He leaves a profound mark on Garifuna music and culture through the internationally acclaimed Lita Ariran, which he founded, and his extensive discography including Darandi (2017), Lándini (2014), Laru Beya (2011), Garifuna Soul (2024), Songs of the Garifuna: Lita Ariran (1995); and hugely successful collaborations including Wátina (2007) and Paranda (1999).

His musical legacy will live on through his songs and music and continue to inspire current and future generations of Garifuna musicians and delight audiences from around the world who love the Garifuna culture. Here in Belize, he is a beloved icon who has left an indelible mark on our culture.

Additionally, he was a successful politician and held the distinction of serving as the first Afro-Honduran member of the National Congress of Honduras from 2006-2010.

The Government of Belize takes this opportunity to express its sincere condolences to Aurelio Martínez's family, friends, and fans. Aurelio is beloved by Belizeans and we celebrate his life and legacy. The nation is deeply saddened by his passing. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade release)

We at are heartbroken. The sad news of Aurelio Martínez's passing is devastating to us at NICH and across Belize. Aurelio was more than just a musician—he was a cultural warrior, a beacon of Garifuna pride, and a friend to many in the music and culture community.

His music was alive and his presence on and off the stage was filled with warmth.

Losing him so suddenly is a shock, but we are comforted in the assurance that his legacy will never fade, and his spirit will continue to guide those who walk in his footsteps.

On behalf of the National Institute of Culture and History, our heartfelt condolences to his family and to the people of Honduras.

Rest in power, Aurelio.

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

IFC International Finance Corporation WORLD BANK GROUP

PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANTS IN BELIZE

Institution: Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Solar PV Project
Deadline: **April 14, 2025**; **11:59 p.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize (GoB) is inviting expressions of interest from qualified developers for the Development of Solar Photovoltaic Plants in Belize. This initiative supports the country's renewable energy transition and energy security goals by promoting private sector participation in large-scale renewable energy projects.

The objective of this project is to facilitate the development, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) plants with a total installed capacity of up to 80MW.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in undertaking this project. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating their qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested parties are hereby invited to submit an Expression of Interest package including:

- Company Profile: Description of experience, ownership structure, and key personnel.
- Summary of Past Solar PV or IPP Projects: Details on project capacity, location, role.
- Financial Capability Statement: Evidence of funding capacity.
- Project Approach: High-level plan for the development, financing, and integration of the solar PV plants.

Qualified firms should submit one (1) PDF file in English via email to gabrielle.hulse@med.gov.bz and rey.guerrero@mof.gov.bz, with a copy to dbotbanjock@ifc.org and wfanimokun@ifc.org.

Deadline: April 14, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. (Local Belize Time). No late submissions will be accepted.

Address for Submission:
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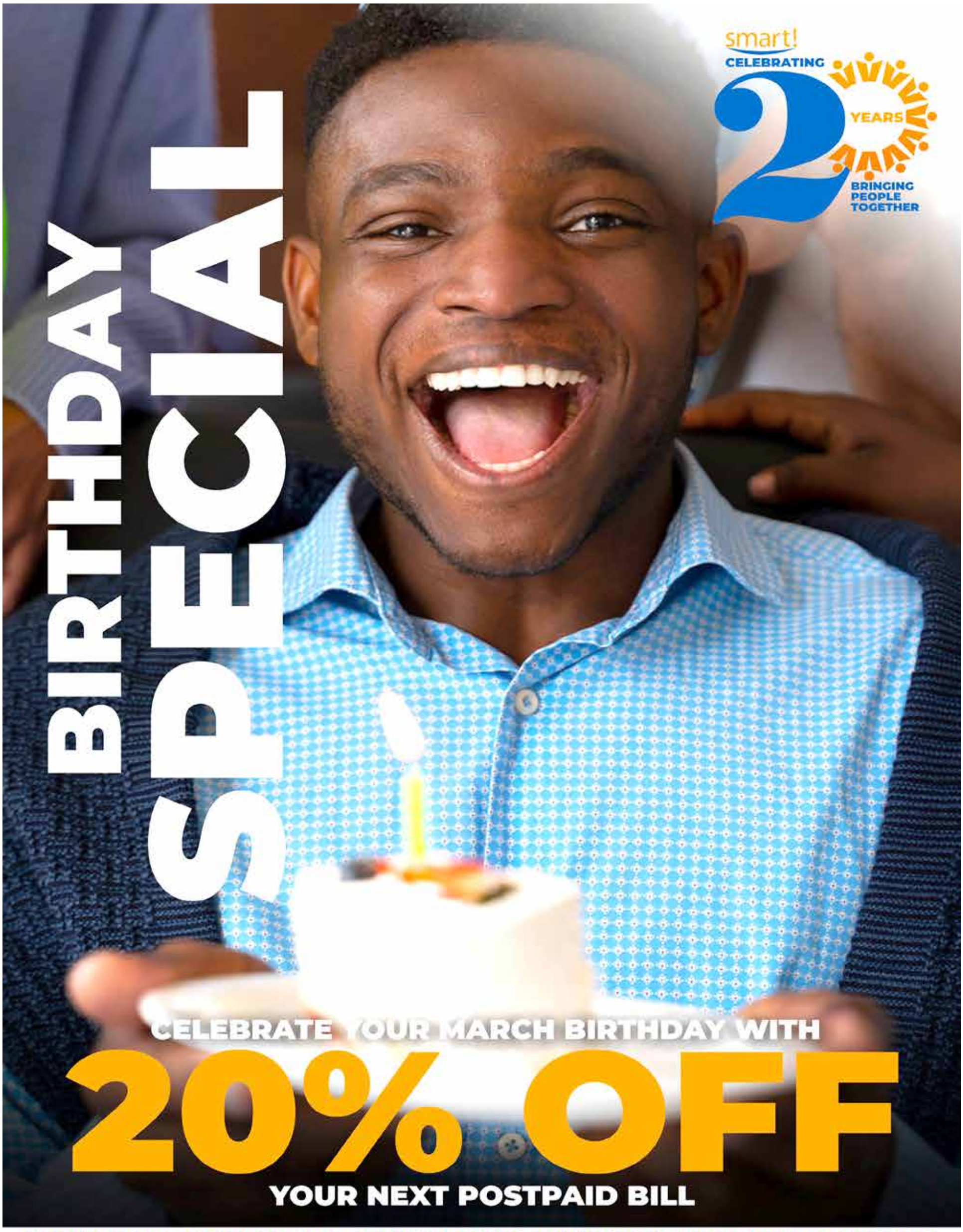
For further details, visit https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or scan the QR Code below.



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